

Testimony Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce Before the Labor Committee February 17, 2009

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce <u>supports</u> SB-223, An Act Concerning the Labor Commissioner and Late Wage Reports for Small Employers.

This is a common sense measure that will help relieve Connecticut's small employers from fines associated with paperwork violations. Many small employers with two employees or less do not retain payroll companies to process wage reports and may inadvertently neglect to file, particularly in quarters where no wages were paid.

Where the failure to file is clearly unintentional, the state Department of Labor should be permitted to waive the fine. It is small issues like this that can truly frustrate small employers who try to comply with Connecticut's laws and regulations. We therefore urge your support for this measure.

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce serves more than 800 member companies from the North Haven and Wallingford area. We are the largest non-metropolitan chamber in the state.